

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AMENDED AGENDA
JULY 18, 2012
6:45PM
TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET - ROOM 204**

6:45 Working Session - Open Space & Recreation Plan

7:15 Continuation - Notice of Intent - Wheeler Lane - continued to August 1, 2012 at 8:00 PM

7:30 Land Stewardship Committee - Acton Arboretum - Bench Policy (020-023)

7:40 Request for Determination - 15 Hemlock Lane - William Smith (030)

Proposed construction of a 16' x 12' shed within 100' of a wetland located at 15 Hemlock Lane, Acton (town atlas plate E-4, parcel 39).

7:45 Request for Certificates of Compliance - CANCELLED

- 60 Powdermill Road
- 50-56 Powdermill Road
- 67 Powdermill Road

Request for Certificate of Compliance

- 52 Taylor Road - 85-1085 (050)
- 6 Beacon Court (Lot 2) - 85-1053 (060)
- 8 Beacon Court (Lot 3) - 85-1052 (070)

Cancelled as per
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351 - 359 Main Street, 15 Barker Road (Dunn's Way) - 85-557 Never commenced/re-filed as 85-613 (080)
351 - 359 Main Street / 15 Barker Road (Stacey's Way) - 85-613 (090)

Discussion/Vote - Hybrid Farm License Agreement (091)

Community Preservation Committee - representative/liaison - formal vote of Amy Green

MINUTES

February 29 osrp	outstanding	
April 18	no comments rec'd	AG, BA (edits needed)
May 2	comments rec'd by	TM, FP
May 16	" " "	AG
June 6	comments rec'd by	AG (edits needed)
June 20	" " "	AG, AM
July 2	pending	

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET - ROOM 204**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Fran Portante, Amy Green, Bill Froberg

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Bettina Abe, Jim Snyder-Grant, Janet Adachi, Joan Cirillo, Rita and Wick McConnon

6:45 Working Session - Open Space & Recreation Plan

Ms. Portante reviewed Sections 8 & 9 and reported that she will meet with Tom Tidman next week to continue working on these sections.

Ms. Abe has sent a draft of Sections 1 & 2 to Mr. Maitland for editing.

7:15 Notice of Intent - Continuation - Wheeler Lane - continued to August 1, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

7:30 Acton Arboretum - Bench Policy - Land Stewardship Committee (020-023)

Jim Snyder-Grant reviewed the proposed policy.

Upon query by Ms. Green, Mr. Snyder-Grant stated that the policy is not specific to memorial benches.

Upon query by Mr. Froberg, Mr. Snyder-Grant stated that this policy is not a fund raising activity; may wish to edit wording to state "at least" instead of "charge" so cost could be increased as needed.

Upon query by Joan Cirillo, Ms. Green stated that the survey results from other towns was included in the information packet.

Ms. Cirillo stated that the town should set prices based on real costs including maintaining the benches.

Ms. Cirillo suggested that the town should state "shall determine a price of the benches" in Section F. There are costs associated with conservation lands and the town should recoup expenses where possible and build in a mark-up and other costs.

Mr. Froberg stated that he feels it is reasonable to account for maintenance costs.

Janet Adachi stated that there should be a sense of the real costs to the town.

Ms. Portante stated that the town should not be incurring extra cost / no undo costs.

Mr. Froberg stated that a reasonable approach would be to know the real installation and removal costs to the Town. Ms. Abe will gather this information

[See file in the Conservation Office also located in DocuShare: Conservation Commission - 2012 Meetings 07-18-2012 - (020-023).]

7:40 Request for Determination - 15 Hemlock Lane - William Smith (030)

William Smith presented proposed plans for the construction of a 16' x 12' shed mounted on concrete blocks approximately 87' from the edge of wetlands.

Upon query by Ms. Green, Mr. Smith reported that the location of the proposed shed is currently a rough lawn area with brush; there is an old shed that will likely be removed in the future.

Some leveling of grade elevation will be necessary two to three feet of cut on one end of the shed location.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Maitland closed the meeting.

Determination of Applicability - 15 Hemlock Lane

Ms. Portante moved that the Commission find that the work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, Mr. Froberg 2nd; unanimous.

[See file in the Conservation Office also located in DocuShare: Conservation Commission - 2012 Meetings 07-18-2012 - (030) and Conservation Commission - Wetland Filings - 15 Hemlock Lane]

Request for Certificate of Compliance - 52 Taylor Road - 85-1085 (050)

Mr. Froberg moved that the Commission issue a Certificate, Ms. Green 2nd; unanimous.

Request for Certificate of Compliance - 6 Beacon Court (Lot 2) - 85-1053 (060)

Ms. Green moved that the Commission issue a Certificate, Mr. Froberg 2nd; unanimous.

Request for Certificate of Compliance - 8 Beacon Court (Lot 3) - 85-1052 (070)

Ms. Green moved that the Commission issue a Certificate, Mr. Froberg 2nd; unanimous.

[See file in the Conservation Office also located in DocuShare: Conservation Commission - 2012 Meetings 07-18-2012]

Discussion/Vote - Hybrid Farm License Agreement

Ms. Green asked the Commission if they would want to do an area baseline of the licensed area, noting that Area B has approximately 30 species of plants and that Area D has diverse understory.

Mr. Froberg asked if the goal would be to maintain diversity of Area B.

Ms. Green stated that she felt the plant inventory would be incumbent upon the Commission to establish.

Mr. Maitland asked when the current license expires. All were in agreement that it expires July 19, 2012.

Mr. McConnon addressed his attorney's comments in the draft license agreement.

Mr. Maitland calculated that a surety bond in the amount of \$2,500 would be adequate and the McConnons agreed. Mr. McConnon stated that the Commission will need to form the text for the bond.

Mr. Tidman will meet with the McConnons to discuss and plan remediation of the wetland crossing.

The Commission and the McConnons discussed and agreed upon further edits to be made. Ms. Abe will type up the changes and resubmit to Mr. Maitland.

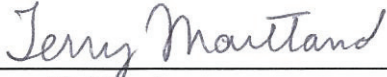
Ms. Portante moved to approve the license as amended in discussion tonight, Mr. Froberg 2nd the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

[See "07-05-2012 - Draft License Agreement" and "091 - Hybrid Farm Draft License v.2.0 - 07-05-2012" in the Conservation Office also located in DocuShare: Conservation Commission - 2012 Meetings 07-18-2012 - and and "07-18-2012 Draft License Agreement – Wick McConns edits" in 07-18-2012 Extra Information - and Conservation Commission - Hybrid Farm – 217 Nagog Hill Road.]

9:45 Community Preservation Committee - representative/liaison - formal vote of Amy Green

Ms. Portante moved that Amy Green be appointed as the Conservation Commission representative to the Community Preservation Committee, Mr. Froberg 2nd; unanimous.

9:50 Meeting adjourned.



Terry Maitland
Chair

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Type	Title	Owner	Edited	Size	Actions
	Extra Information	naturales	07/25/12	1	  
	0001 - July 18 Agenda	naturales	07/13/12	19 KB	  
	020 - Bench Policy - as recommended by LSCOM 10-19-11 - NR Proposed Changes - Redline	naturales	07/11/12	363 KB	  
	021 - Bench Policy - as recommended by LSCOM 10-19-11 - NR Proposed Changes - Clean	naturales	07/11/12	354 KB	  
	022 - Bench Policy - Comments Received	naturales	07/11/12	946 KB	  
	023 - Bench Policy - Sample Benches	naturales	07/11/12	585 KB	  
	030 - Request for Determination - 15 Hemlock Lane	naturales	07/11/12	521 KB	  
	050 - Request for Certificate of Compliance - 52 Taylor Road - 85-1085	naturales	07/11/12	753 KB	  
	060 - Request for Certificate of Compliance - 6 Beacon Court - Lot 2 - 85-1053	naturales	07/11/12	858 KB	  
	070 - Request for Certificate of Compliance - 8 Beacon Court - Lot 3 - 85-1052	naturales	07/11/12	864 KB	  
	080 - Request for Certificate of Compliance - 351-359 Main Street - 15 Barker Road (Dunn's Way) - 85-557	naturales	07/13/12	43 KB	  
	090 - Request for Certificate of Compliance - 351-359 Main Street - 15 Baker Road (Stacy's Way) - 85-613	naturales	07/13/12	138 KB	  
	091 - Hybrid Farm Draft License v.2.0 - 07-05-20012	naturales	07/17/12	256 KB	  